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INSURANCE ORDERS READY FOR CONTEST

Action of Superintendent Drake in Case of Royal Arcanum May Lead to Recourse to the Courts.

Commissioners Have Suspended the Order Prohibiting Solicitation for Membership Until Drake's Return.

Members of fraternal organizations in this city are much exercised over the alleged unwarranted action of the Superintendent of Insurance, Mr. Drake, in revoking the license of the Royal Arcanum because it refused to waive its rights under the law. Mr. Drake was compelled to give up his work on account of ill-health, and is now in Florida recuperating. He is expected to return to his office within the next few weeks.

In the meantime, upon representations laid before the District Commissioners by Philip Walker, local attorney for the Royal Arcanum, the license has been renewed. When Mr. Drake returns it is probable the aid of the courts will be invoked to prevent him from interfering further with the business of the organization, which is reputed to be one of the strongest fraternal orders in the United States.

All Fraternal Orders Interested.

While the immediate fight is made by the Royal Arcanum, the principle involved affects every fraternal body doing business in the District of Columbia. As a consequence the grand officers of the organization have been assured of the co-operation and support of every fraternal order in the city. A number of them have already waived their rights, under protest, but are prepared to force the matter to an issue now.

Under the law the Insurance Commissioner is allowed a fee of \$50 to determine whether or not a company claiming the privileges of a fraternal order is or is not in reality a fraternal organization. He is further allowed a fee not to exceed \$200 for making an examination of the books of the order to determine its financial standing. It has always been the desire of the Arcanum, its officers say, to abide not only by the letter, but the spirit, of the law, and this they desire to do in the present instance.

On the other hand, Mr. Drake has asserted that the amount he is allowed to charge for an examination of the books of the company is absurdly inadequate, and he cannot make a proper examination of the books of the order within the limit allowed. A peculiar feature of the situation is that Mr. Drake, in his communication to the officers of the Arcanum, asking them to waive the limit of cost of the examination, made use of a circular used in Ohio, some years ago, which gave \$75 as the limit, instead of \$200, as the law allows.

Membership Applications Held Up.

As a result Mr. Drake, although they had complied with all of the requirements of the law, revoked their license to do business in this city, and all applications for admission to the order were necessarily held up. In District Council alone over twenty applicants for membership were unable to have their applications acted upon. The supreme officers of the order directed the local attorney to appeal from the decision of the Superintendent of Insurance, and the matter was laid before the District Commissioners.

In reply, Mr. Walker, acting as attorney for the Arcanum, was informed that owing to the illness of Mr. Drake, and his consequent inability to present his side of the case, the Commissioners would have to defer action on the request. When the injury inflicted upon the order by the delay was made evident to the Commissioners, they issued an order temporarily withdrawing the suspension of the permit to do business, and there the matter now rests.

Both sides are now preparing for the contest which is sure to be renewed as soon as Mr. Drake returns to the city, if he persists in demanding the waiver of the rights of the order under the law.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

It will be somewhat colder tonight along the Atlantic coast and continue cold in the interior. Freezing temperature is probable tonight in the south Atlantic States, and frost in north and north central Florida.

On the middle Atlantic coast high westerly winds will diminish Thursday night; on the south Atlantic coast the winds will be fresh northerly, and on the east Gulf coast fresh north to north-east.

Storm warnings are displayed on the Atlantic coast from Sandy Hook to Eastport.

TEMPERATURE.

9 a. m. 32
12 m. 34
1 p. m. 35

THE SUN.

Sun sets today 5:25 p. m.
Sun rises tomorrow 7:02 a. m.

TIDE TABLE.

Low tide today 3:11 p. m.
High tide today 1:30 p. m.
Low tide tomorrow 3:19 a. m.
High tide tomorrow 1:45 a. m., 2:24 p. m.

SUBSIDY FOR SOUTHERN FAST MAIL SERVICE

House Refuses to Strike Clause From Bill.

\$144,000 IS APPROPRIATED

Improved Postal Facilities Between Washington and New Orleans. Conference Ordered.

By a vote of 120 to 100 the House today refused to strike from the Postoffice appropriation bill the provision for a subsidy of \$144,000 to the Southern Railway Company for fast mail service between Washington and New Orleans.

The only other subsidy for mail service contained in the bill is \$250,000 to the Santa Fe for carrying the mail between Kansas City and Newton, Kan., which was also retained.

Mr. Hitt, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, called up the conference report on the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill. It makes a total appropriation of \$1,968,250. The report was agreed to.

A conference was ordered on the Senate amendments to the bill providing a general staff for the army, Messrs. Hull of Iowa, Parker of New Jersey, and Sulzer of New York being appointed.

Senate bill providing for the transfer of persons charged with crime to and from the Philippine Islands was passed.

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ELBOW ROOM FOR THE BUREAU OF ENGRAVING

Bill Introduced Providing for a Building Addition.

The work of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing has grown to such extent that to avoid overtime and night work it will be necessary to have larger quarters.

Senator Fairbanks and Representative Mercer of Nebraska, chairman of the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds of the two houses, respectively, have personally investigated the need, with the result that a bill was introduced this morning in the Senate asking that the necessary appropriation be made to provide for an additional building. The estimated cost of the building, including site, is estimated at \$215,000.

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ALLIES SUSPICIOUS OF DOUBLE DEALING

Fearful of Being "Played Off" by America.

BONUS FOR FIRST TO AGREE

Minister Bowen Gives Story Current in Foreign Offices Quiet—Battle Near Caracas Rumored.

A new and somewhat interesting feature has been added to the Venezuelan negotiations by the fact that the representative of one of the allies has made known to Minister Bowen a suspicion, entertained by them all, that the United States has been attempting to "play off" one of the allied governments against the other, by offering to each in turn special terms in case they could prevail upon the others to come to an agreement.

Mr. Bowen has not only denied this, but has furnished the representatives of the allies in Washington documentary evidence that there is no foundation for the suspicions entertained.

There will be a meeting between Minister Bowen and Ambassadors Herbert and Mayor des Planches and Minister Speck von Sternburg during this afternoon.

London Expects German Voite-Face.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—According to gossip in diplomatic circles, the indications point to a possible volte-face in the German policy toward Venezuela. The Kaiser, having committed England to the present measures, now shows a disposition to make a graceful surrender on some of the contested points, while the British ministers are still holding out on their original ground.

Rumored Battle Near Caracas.

PARIS, Feb. 5.—The "Matin" today prints a dispatch from Caracas, Venezuela, stating that the troops had left the city Tuesday to meet the rebel forces. A battle is probably now in progress.

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NEW RAILROAD WITH HEADQUARTERS HERE

IMPORTANT UNION OF NEARBY ROADS

LINES ALREADY BUILT. Charleston, Clendenin and Southern. Roaring Creek and Charleston. Coal and Coke.

LINE TO BE BUILT. 120 miles from Otter to Elkins. To reach East over trunk lines.

ANOTHER WRECK ON NEW JERSEY CENTRAL

Engineer of Passenger Train Fails to See Signals.

ELIZABETH, N. J., Feb. 5.—Another wreck occurred on the Central Railroad of New Jersey just below the Elizabeth station yesterday morning. The Dunellen passenger train, bound east and due in Elizabeth, while traveling at ten miles an hour, ran into a freight engine that was crossing the tracks at that point to shunt cars on the Broadway tracks. Engineer Peter Harsel, who was driving the engine of the passenger train, did not see the signals set against him, and when he struck the freight engine he wrecked the tank and part of the cab, besides smashing in the front of his own engine and throwing the fireman of the freight engine to the ground, injuring him slightly.

The passengers were thrown into a heap and a number were injured. Six freight cars were derailed and two were smashed to splinters.

The wreck delayed traffic several hours. It is said that the fog was the cause of the collision.

Ex-Senator Davis Unites C. & S. Line With Two Small Roads to Connect Rich Counties of West Virginia With the East.

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To Cost About \$7,000,000.

The estimated cost of the new line is \$7,000,000, or \$6,500,000 for the line. This will connect the two smaller roads owned by the Davis syndicate, and form a line which will compete with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad for all business in the southwestern part of that State. Travelers will then have the choice of two routes to Washington and Baltimore—the Baltimore and Ohio road and the Wabash system.

As yet, no arrangements for traffic have been announced by Mr. Davis, but the through lines will connect with his system at Elkins and Belington. The offices of the Charleston, Clendenin and Southern have been removed here from Philadelphia and a partial reorganization of the company made. The officials recently elected are as follows: Henry G. Davis, president; Arthur Lee, vice president; C. M. Handley, secretary; C. K. McDermott, general superintendent.

Offices in Washington.

All of these officials make their homes in Washington with the single exception of Mr. McDermott, who has his headquarters at Charleston, W. Va. The official personnel of the system will be completed as rapidly as possible and a large clerical force obtained. The offices on H Street will be enlarged and the entire work of constructing the connecting line of 130 miles directed by President Davis from this city.

When the connections are made, and this will be done at the earliest possible moment, the line will be a much shorter route from southern West Virginia, Cincinnati, and points West than any other line. Not counting the passenger traffic, the freight business, even of coal alone, will make the line an important factor in the delivery of coal in Eastern cities and shipments for export trade.

President Davis will make Washington his future home, although retaining his voting residence at Elkins. He has great confidence in Washington, and believes it will be a great city for manufacturing purposes as well as the seat of government. The connecting line between the Charleston, Clendenin and Southern road and the Coal and Coke and Roaring Creek will pass through Braxton, Upshur, Harrison and Randolph counties, West Virginia, and open up thousands of acres of coal and timber lands. A name for the new system has not yet been chosen.

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